

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**

301 State House  
(317) 232-9855

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6746**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 144

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 18, 2000

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Prohibits Homosexuals from Adopting or Being Foster Parents.

**FISCAL ANALYST:** Kathy Norris

**PHONE NUMBER:** 234-1360

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
X FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill prohibits the Division of Family and Children from issuing a foster home license to a person who is a homosexual. The bill also prohibits a person who is a homosexual from adopting.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** As of October 30, 2000, the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) reported that 1,506 children from the foster care system have adoptive homes and are waiting the final adoption decree, 557 children are legally free for adoption, and 1,202 children have a Termination of Parental Rights case pending but have a permanency goal of adoption. Any reduction in the number of potential homes willing to take older, hard to place children results in the children spending more time in the local, state, and federally funded foster care system.

Two states, Florida and Mississippi, have similar laws to the proposed legislation. Neither state has studied whether these provisions have an effect on the placement of children. New Hampshire repealed a similar statute in March of 1999. Utah and Arkansas use state rules to prevent a homosexual from adopting. FSSA does not currently know how many homosexuals have adopted children or are licensed as foster parents in Indiana because this information is not currently requested or recorded.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** See Explanation of State Expenditures, above.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** FSSA.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** “American Civil Liberties Union Fact sheet: Overview of Lesbian and Gay Parenting, Adoption and Foster Care”, April 6, 1999, at [aclu.org/issues/gay/parent](http://aclu.org/issues/gay/parent) and “GayLaw News by subject- Frequently Asked Questions - United States of America - Adoption” at Gaylawnet.com; Susan Preble, Legislative Liaison for FSSA, (317) 232-1149.